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CALSPAN CASE NO. 92-1

VEHICLE - 1990 TOYOTA CELICA

LOCATION - [REDACTED], NY

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Calspan On-Site Non-Deployed Air Bag Investigation  
Calspan Case No. 92-1  
Vehicle - 1990 Toyota Celica GT  
Location - [REDACTED] NY

Summary

This on-site investigation focused on a 1990 Toyota Celica GT that was involved in a minor sideswipe collision with a 1981 Chevrolet El Camino and subsequent impact sequences with a median barrier and a box beam guardrail system. The crash occurred on a snow covered, four lane divided expressway in [REDACTED] NY on [REDACTED], 1992, at 0900 hours. The driver/owner of the Toyota Celica notified the NHTSA Auto Safety Hotline on [REDACTED] and reported that the driver air bag system in her vehicle failed to deploy as a result of a frontal impact sequence with a guardrail. Calspan was notified of the complaint on February [REDACTED] and initiated an on-site inspection of the Toyota Celica and the crash scene on [REDACTED].

The vehicle was inspected at a local body shop and was under repair at the time of our inspection. The damaged frontal components (i.e., front bumper, grille, and left front fender) and the rear bumper and taillamp assemblies were removed from the vehicle. The 1990 Toyota Celica GT was a 2 dr. hatchback with an odometer reading of 10,233 miles and V.I.N.: JT2ST87N4L0 (production number deleted). The vehicle was manufactured in Japan during [REDACTED], 1990. The Toyota was equipped with a supplemental driver side air bag system, power assisted rack-and-pinion steering, power assisted front disc/rear drum brakes, and a 4-speed automatic/overdrive transmission.

The Toyota Celica was traveling in a southerly direction on the inboard (left) travel lane of the expressway at a driver estimated speed of 50 mph. Vehicle #2, the 1981 Chevrolet El Camino, was traveling in the outboard southbound lane at a speed that was slightly less than the speed of the Toyota. As the Toyota began to pass vehicle #2, the driver of vehicle #2 either initiated a lane change maneuver to the left or allowed his vehicle to drift across the broken white center lane line. The driver of the Toyota noted vehicle #2 as it encroached into her lane of travel. She sounded her horn to alert driver #2 of her presence, however, he continued to drift into the inboard travel lane.

The left front bumper corner area of vehicle #2 sideswiped the right door and quarter panel area of the air bag equipped Toyota Celica. Direct contact damage on the Celica began 70.25" forward of the right rear axle and continued rearward to the rear wheel opening, ending 8" forward of the rear axle. Maximum crush was 1.5" located on the rear 1/3rd of the door, 45.5" forward of the axle position. Crush values at the rub strip level of the door and quarter panel were as follows:  $C_1 = 0.0$ ,  $C_2 = 0.0$ ,  $C_3 = 0.5$ ",  $C_4 = 1.25$ ",  $C_5 = 0.375$ ",  $C_6 = 0.0$ ". The Toyota sustained a 12 o'clock impact force (CDC: 12-RZES-1) from the minor severity sideswipe impact configuration. As a result of the impact sequence with vehicle #2, the Toyota yawed slightly in a

clockwise direction due to rearward location of the damage with respect to the vehicle's center of gravity and minimal snagging of the vehicle at the leading edge of the quarter panel.

The left rear quarter panel area of the Toyota Celica impacted the box beam median barrier as the vehicle rotated approximately 15-25° in a clockwise (CW) direction. The 11 o'clock direction of force (CDC: 11-LBES-2) impact resulted in minor sheetmetal damage to the vehicle. Direct contact damage began 6.75" rearward of the left rear axle and extended 19.75" rearward. Maximum crush was approximately 2.0" located 12" rearward of the axle position. There was no residual or direct contact damage to the rear bumper facia or bumper reinforcement bar. The lower edge of the box beam medium barrier was 20" above a raised concrete curb. A snow and ice buildup obscured the face of the 6" barrier curb and transformed it into a mountable surface.

The 11 o'clock direction of force impact to the left rear corner area of the vehicle redirected the Toyota in a counterclockwise (CCW) direction. The Celica rotated approximately 280° CCW across the southbound travel lanes and departed the right (west) shoulder. The left front corner area of the Toyota Celica impacted the box beam guardrail in an endswipe configuration with an initial force direction of 9-9:30 o'clock (CDC: 09-LFEE-5). Direct contact damage on the vehicle began at the left headlamp cover and extended laterally across the hood face to the centerpoint of the hood. As a result of the vehicle's initial engagement with the box beam, the hood was crushed both laterally right and slightly rearward. The bumper facia contacted the guardrail posts which resulted in laterally orientated striations on the lower portion of the facia. The contact damage began at the corner of the facia and extended laterally 19.25", ending at a point 5.25" left of center. There was no crush to the bumper assembly or left frame rail.

As the vehicle remained engaged with the box beam, its rotation was reversed from CCW (pre-impact) to CW. Due to the height of the guardrail (26" from paved shoulder to lower edge of box beam) and the CW rotation of the vehicle, the left front fender of the vehicle contacted and underrode the box beam guardrail. The top surface of the fender was crushed downward to a maximum depth of 2.5". Laterally oriented abrasions (direct contact damage) were located on the top surface of the fender which began at the leading edge and extended 22.25" rearward. The overall length of the fender was reduced from 50.5" pre-crash to 49.75" resulting in 0.75" of rearward displacement. The fender contact resulted in lateral displacement of the inner fender support structure forward of the shock tower. The lateral displacement of the fender support bucked the upper radiator support panel approximately 3" rearward.

The Toyota subsequently separated from the box beam guardrail in a backwards orientation and rolled to final rest on the right (west) shoulder. At rest, the vehicle was facing in a northerly direction, 180° opposite of its initial path of travel.

sufficiently to deploy the air bag system although an 11 o'clock impact force occurred. The third impact sequence with the box beam guardrail involved frontal components, however, several factors prevented the air bag system from deploying. The primary factor was the direction of force. The Toyota Celica rotated in a CCW direction across the roadway and impacted the box beam guardrail in an endswipe configuration with an initial impact force of 9-9:30 o'clock. The force direction was based on the displacement of the sheetmetal components and the lateral orientation of the abrasions on the hood face and bumper fascia. In addition to the lateral impact force, the vehicle was involved in a "soft" collision which involved displacement of only sheetmetal components. There were no structural components (i.e., bumper, frame rail) crushed or displaced from the endswipe impact sequence. Although the collision was outside the scope of the CRASH program, it was doubtful that the vehicle sustained a sufficient decelerative pulse (regardless of the force direction) that is necessary to deploy the air bag system.

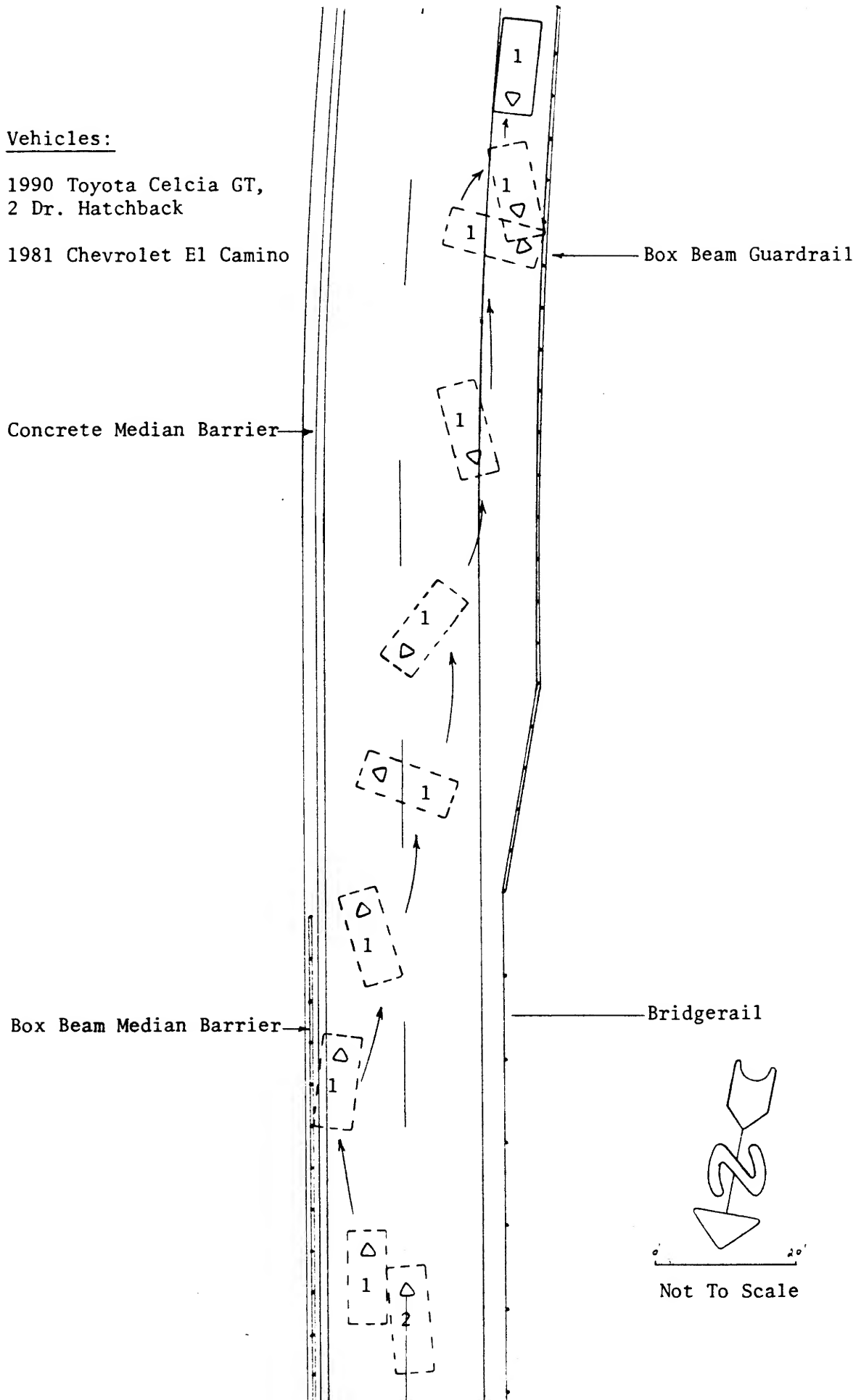
The air bag diagnostic system was tested to determine if there were stored faults in the system. With the assistance of the Toyota representative from the Washington, D.C. office, and telephone inputs from a regional Toyota service representative, the system was properly tested. A battery charger was connected to the vehicle's battery cables which provided sufficient power to the system. The ignition switch was turned to the run position and the air bag indicator lamp glowed for 6 seconds, then went out, indicating normal conditions. This test was repeated several times and yielded the same results. Next, a diagnostic code check was performed using a diagnostic module that was located in the engine compartment behind the left shock tower. With the ignition switch turned to the run position, terminals E<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>C</sub> of the diagnostic module were bridged with a jumper wire. The air bag indicator light flashed in a continuous, uninterrupted sequence which indicates a normal system with no malfunctions (see page AB-30 of the attached service manual).

Following our inspection of the vehicle, reconstruction of the collision sequence, and diagnostic test of the air bag system, it is our opinion that the air bag system performed as designed and should not have deployed in this crash.

Accident Schematic  
Calspan Case No. 92-1

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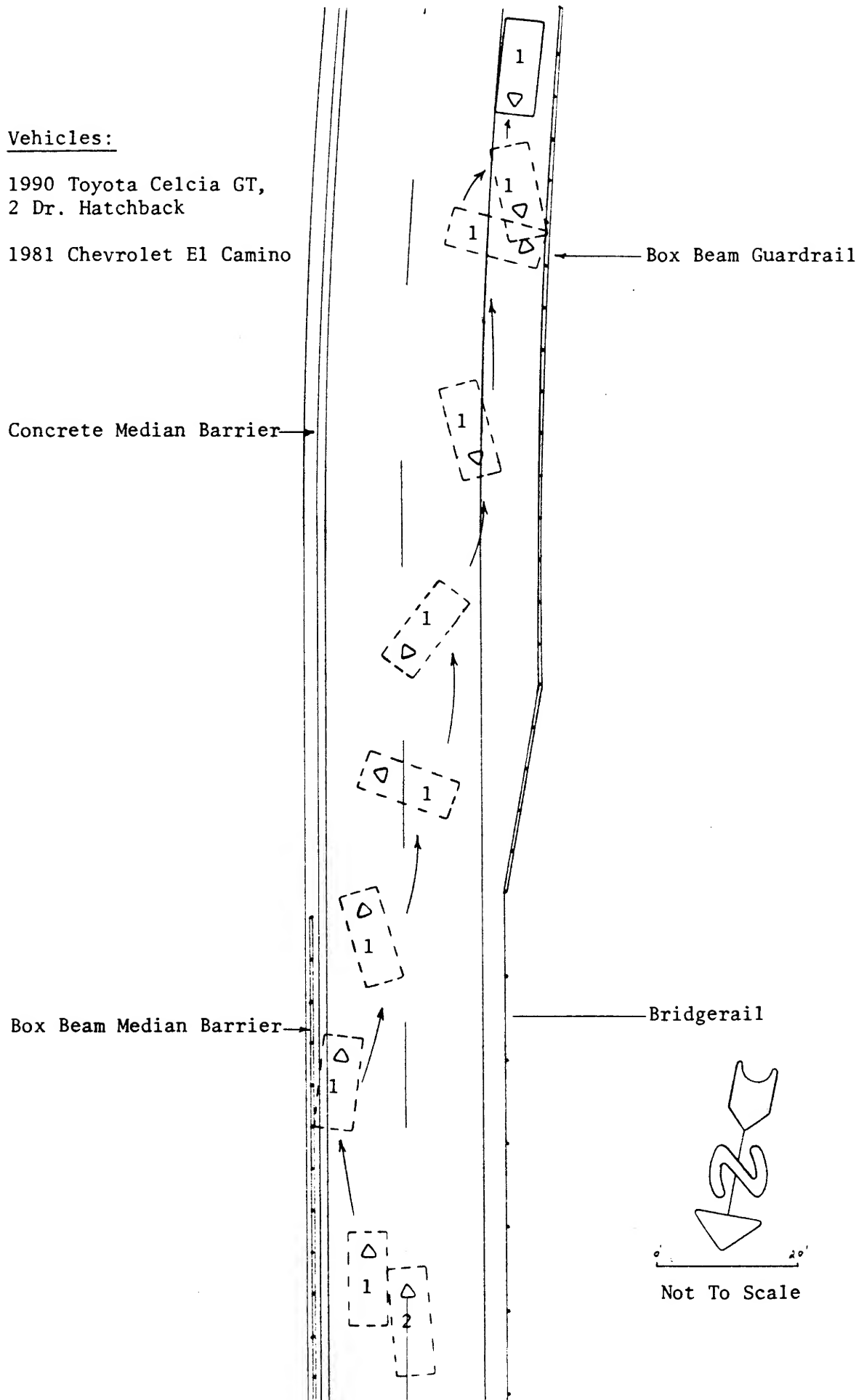
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- #2 - 1981 Chevrolet El Camino



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Pre-Crash trajectory of the 1990 Toyota Celica GT



Struck box beam median barrier



Vehicle rotates in a clockwise direction across travel lanes



Frontal impact sequence with box beam guardrail





Possible areas of guardrail contact (Red paint transfers)



Lookback view of the Toyota's path of travel



Left frontal damage to the Toyota Celica GT





Direct contact damage to the front bumper fascia  
(laterally orientated abrasions)



Left side view of the front bumper reinforcement bar



Sheetmetal deformation at the left frontal area





Left front three-quarter view



Perpendicular view of the displacement to the upper radiator support panel



Damage to the top surface of the left front fender





Left front airbag crash sensor and yellow wiring harness



Close-up view of the crash sensor

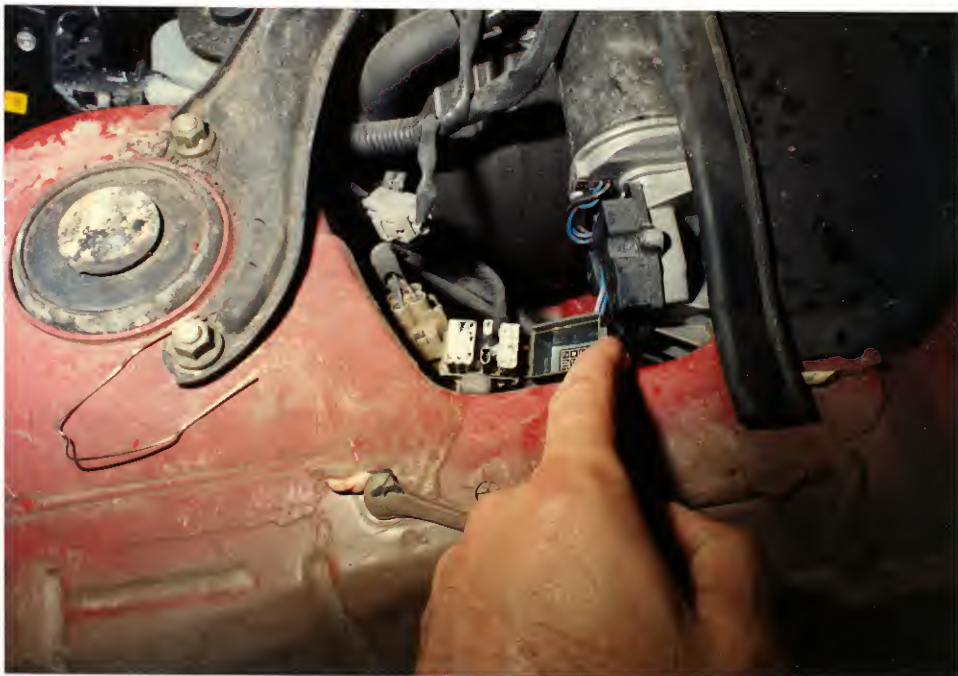


Damage to the left rear quarter panel from the median barrier impact sequence





Sideswipe damage from contact with Vehicle #2



Air bag system diagnostic module located rearward of the left shock tower

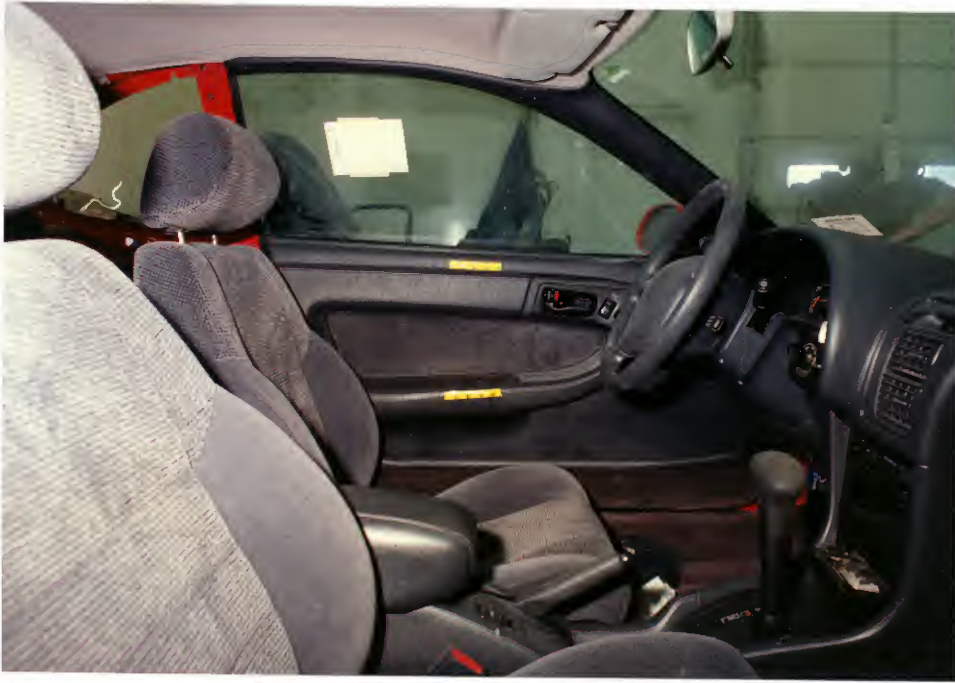




Nondeployed driver air bag module



Knee bolster, no occupant contact



View across the interior from the right door area



Probable driver contact to the left panel

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The 1990 CELICA for USA specifications is equipped with an SRS (Supplemental Restraint) airbag.

Failure to carry out service operations in the correct sequence could cause the airbag system to not properly deploy during servicing, possibly leading to a serious accident.

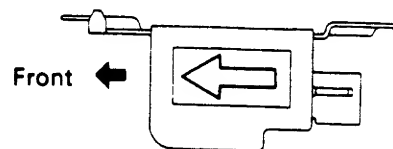
Further, if a mistake is made in servicing the airbag system, it is possible the airbag may fail to deploy when required.

Before performing servicing (including removal or installation of parts, inspection or replacement), be sure to read the following items carefully, then follow the correct procedure described in the manual.

1. Malfunction symptoms of the airbag system are difficult to confirm, so the diagnostic codes become the most important source of information when troubleshooting.  
When troubleshooting the airbag system, always inspect the diagnostic codes before disconnecting the battery (See page AB-24).
2. Work must be started after approx. 20 seconds or longer from the time the ignition switch is turned to the LOCK position and the negative (-) terminal cable is disconnected from the battery. (The airbag system is equipped with a back-up power source so that if work is started within 20 seconds of disconnecting the negative (-) terminal cable of the battery, the airbag may be deployed.)  
When the negative (-) terminal cable is disconnected from the battery, memory of the clock and audio systems will be cancelled. So before starting work, make a record of the contents memorized by the memory system. Then when work is finished, reset the clock and audio systems as before.  
To avoid erasing the memory of each memory system, never use a back-up power supply from outside the vehicle.
3. Even in cases of a minor collision where the airbag does not deploy, the front airbag sensors and steering wheel pad should be inspected (See page AB-11).
4. Never use airbag parts from another vehicle. When replacing parts, replace them with new parts.
5. Before repairs, remove the airbag sensors if shocks are likely to be applied to the sensors during repairs.
6. The center airbag sensor assembly contains mercury.  
After performing replacement, do not destroy the old part. When scrapping the vehicle or replacing the center airbag sensor assembly itself, remove the center airbag sensor assembly and dispose of it as toxic waste.
7. Never disassemble and repair the front airbag sensors, center airbag sensor assembly or steering wheel pad in order to reuse it.
8. If the front airbag sensors, center airbag sensor assembly or steering wheel pad have been dropped or if there are cracks, dents or other defects in the case, bracket or connector, replace them with new ones.
9. Do not expose the front airbag sensors, center airbag sensor assembly or steering wheel pad to hot air or flames.
10. Use a volt/ohmmeter with high impedance (10 k $\Omega$ /V minimum) for troubleshooting of the electrical circuit.
11. Information labels are attached to the periphery of the airbag components. Follow the notation on the labels.
12. After work on the airbag system is completed, perform the airbag warning light check (See page AB-29).

## FRONT AIRBAG SENSOR

1. Never reuse the front airbag sensors involved in a collision when the airbag has deployed. (Replace both the left and right airbag sensors.)
2. Install the front airbag sensor with the arrow on the sensor facing toward the front of the vehicle.
3. The front airbag sensor set bolts have been anti-rust treated.  
When the sensor is removed, always replace the set bolts with new ones.
4. The front airbag sensor is equipped with an electrical connection check mechanism. Be sure to lock this mechanism securely when connecting the connector. If the connector is not securely locked, a malfunction code will be detected by the diagnosis system (See page AB-9).



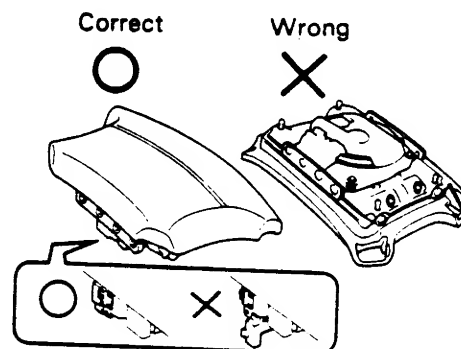
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## SPIRAL CABLE (in COMBINATION SWITCH)

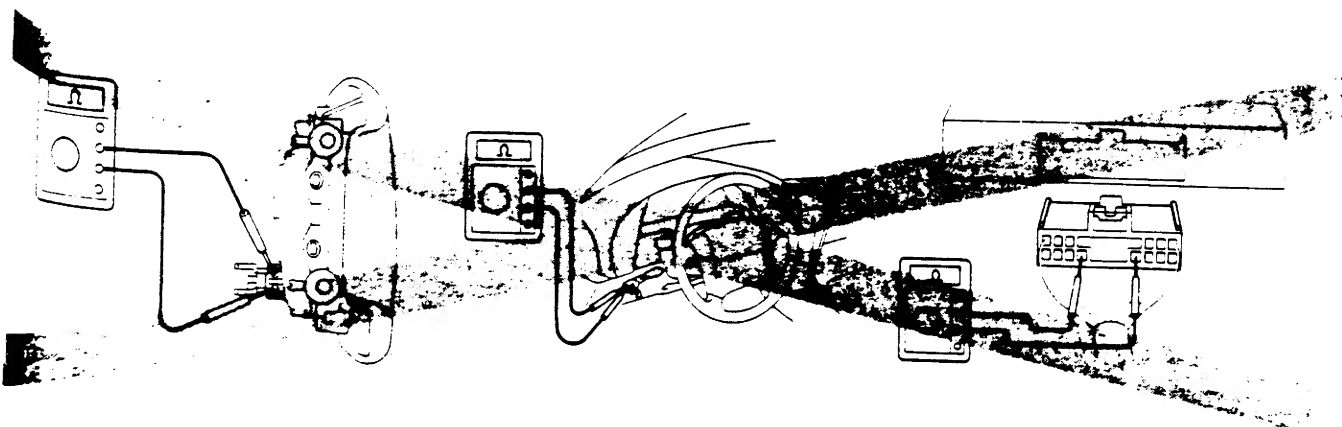
The steering wheel must be fitted correctly to the steering column with the spiral cable at the neutral position, otherwise cable disconnection and other troubles may result. Refer to page AB-16 of this manual concerning correct steering wheel installation.

## STEERING WHEEL PAD (with AIRBAG)

1. When removing the steering wheel pad or handling a new steering wheel pad, it should be placed with the pad top surface facing up.  
In this case, the twin-lock type connector lock lever should be in the locked state and care should be taken to place it so the connector will not be damaged. And do not store a steering wheel pad on top of another one. (Storing the pad with its metallic surface up may lead to a serious accident if the airbag inflates for some reason.)
2. Never measure the resistance of the airbag squib. (This may cause the airbag to deploy, which is very dangerous.)



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3. Grease should not be applied to the steering wheel pad and the pad should not be cleaned with detergents of any kind.
4. Store the steering wheel pad where the ambient temperature remains below 93°C (200°F), low humidity and away from electrical noise.
5. When using electric welding, first disconnect the airbag connector (yellow color and 2 pins) from the steering column near the combination switch connector before starting work.
6. When disposing of a vehicle or the steering wheel pad alone, the airbag should be deployed with an SST before disposal (See page AB-82). Perform the operation in a place away from electrical equipment.

## CENTER AIRBAG SENSOR ASSEMBLY

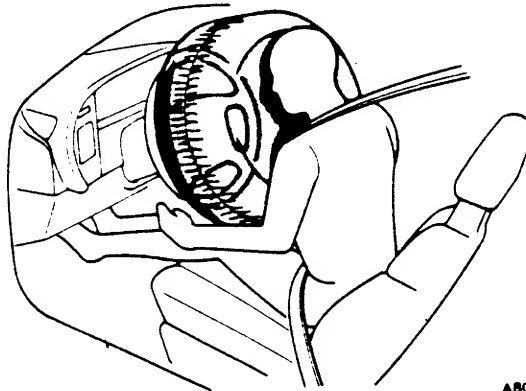
The connector to the center airbag sensor assembly should be connected or disconnected with the sensor mounted on the floor. If the connector is connected or disconnected while the center airbag sensor assembly is not mounted to the floor, it could cause undesired ignition of the airbag system.

## WIRE HARNESS AND CONNECTOR

The airbag system wire harness is integrated with the cowl wire harness assembly. The wires for the airbag system are encased in a yellow corrugated tube. All the connectors for the system are standard yellow color. If the airbag system wire harness becomes disconnected or the connector becomes broken due to an accident, etc., repair or replace it as shown on page AB-21.

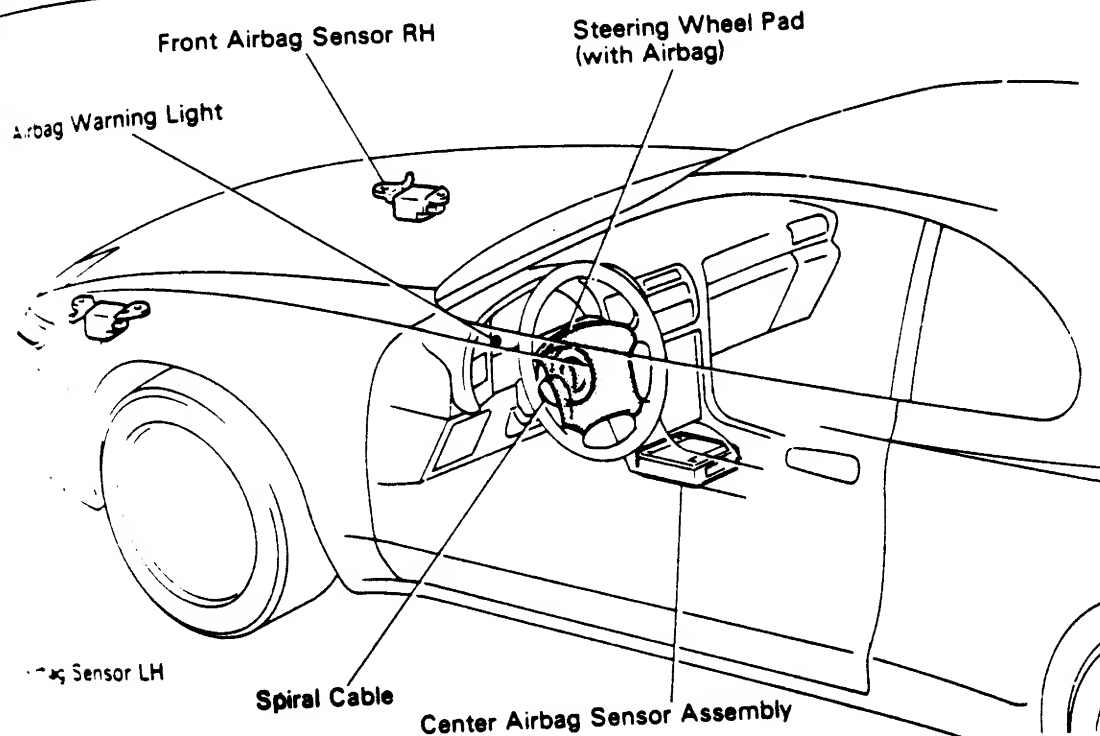
## DESCRIPTION

The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) airbag, together with the seat belt, is designed to help protect the driver. In a collision, the airbag sensors detect the shock, and if the front-impact shock is greater than a specified value, an airbag stored in the steering wheel pad is inflated instantaneously to help reduce the shock to the driver.



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## LOCATION OF COMPONENTS



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## OPERATION LOCATION OF COMPONENTS

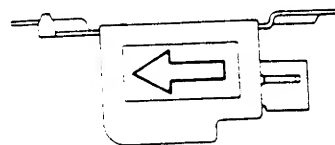
### FRONT AIRBAG SENSOR

The front airbag sensor is mounted inside each of the front seats. The sensor unit is a mechanical type. When the sensor detects deceleration force above a predetermined level in a frontal collision, the contacts in the sensor make contact, sending a signal to the center airbag sensor assembly.

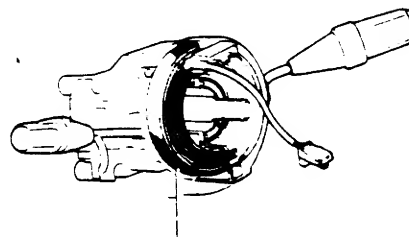
The sensor cannot be disassembled.

### SPIRAL CABLE (in COMBINATION SWITCH)

The spiral cable is used as an electrical joint from the vehicle body side to the steering wheel.



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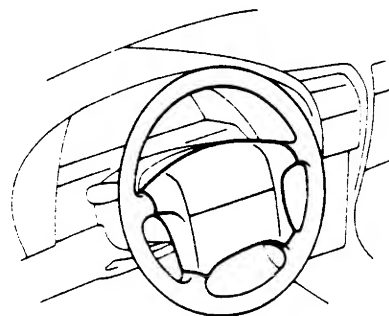
Spiral Cable

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### STEERING WHEEL PAD (with AIRBAG)

The inflator and bag of the airbag system are stored in the steering wheel pad and cannot be disassembled.

The inflator contains a squib, igniter charge, gas generator, etc., and inflates the bag in case of a frontal collision.



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### AIRBAG WARNING LIGHT

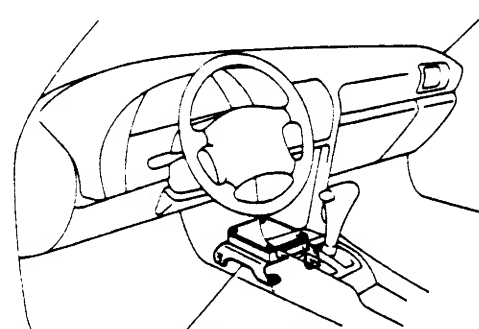
The airbag warning light is located on the combination meter. It goes on to alert the driver of trouble in the system when a malfunction is detected in the center airbag sensor assembly self-diagnosis. In normal operation, the light goes on when the ignition switch is turned to the ACC or ON position, the light goes on for about 6 seconds and then goes off.



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### CENTER AIRBAG SENSOR ASSEMBLY

The center airbag sensor assembly is mounted on the floor inside the center cluster. The center airbag sensor assembly consists of a center airbag sensor, safing sensors, ignition control and drive circuit, diagnosis circuit, etc. It receives signals from the airbag sensors, judges whether the airbag must be activated or not and diagnoses system malfunctions.

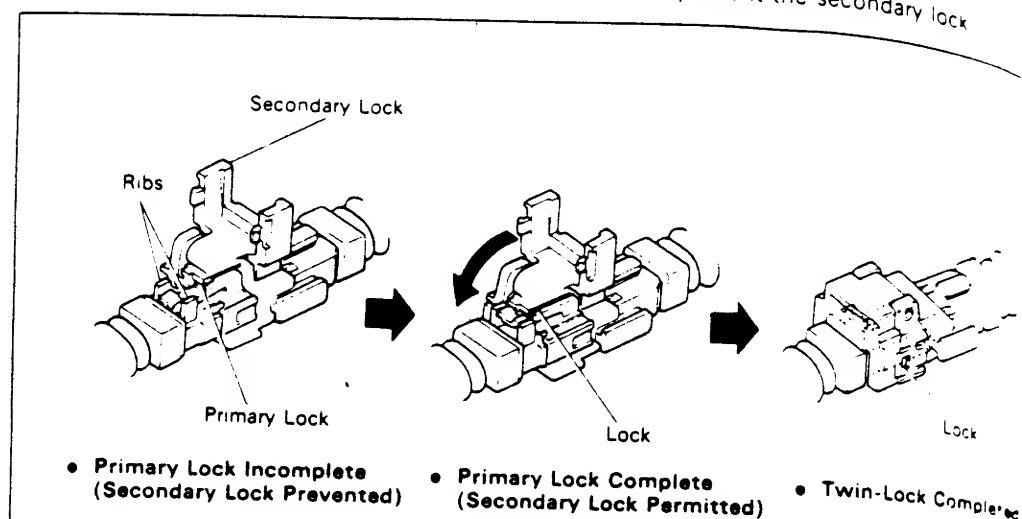


Center Airbag Sensor Assembly

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## (4) Connector Twin-Lock Mechanism

With this mechanism connectors (male and female connectors) are locked by devices to increase connection reliability. If the primary lock is incomplete, ribs interfere and prevent the secondary lock.



When the vehicle is involved in a frontal collision in the hatched area (Fig. 1) and the shock is at a predetermined level, the airbag is activated automatically. Safing sensors are designed to prevent inflation at a smaller deceleration rate than the front and center airbag sensors. As illustrated in Fig. 2 below, inflation is caused when current flows to the squib, which happens when a safing sensor and a front airbag sensor and/or the center airbag sensor go on simultaneously.

When a deceleration force acts on the sensors, it causes the squib to ignite. Gas is then produced, increasing the pressure inside the bag rapidly. The inflated bag breaks open the steering wheel cover. When inflation then ends, and the gas is discharged through discharge holes provided behind the bag, the bag becomes deflated as a result.

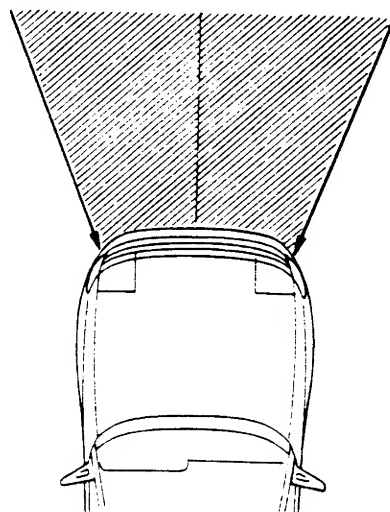


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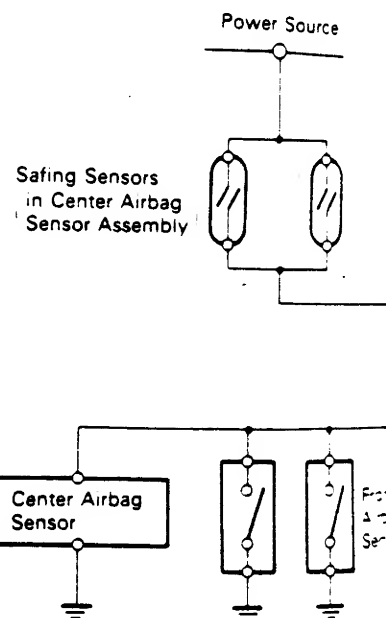


Fig. 2

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# TROUBLESHOOTING

## How To Proceed With Troubleshooting

Malfunction symptoms of the airbag system are difficult to confirm, so the diagnostic codes become the most important source of information when troubleshooting.

Perform troubleshooting of airbag system in accordance with the following procedure.

**HINT:** Do not disconnect the battery negative (-) terminal cable until step [3]. Diagnostic Code Check and Recording, has been completed.

### [1] CUSTOMER PROBLEM ANALYSIS

Using the CUSTOMER PROBLEM ANALYSIS CHECK SHEET (See page AB-28) for reference, ask the customer in as much detail as possible about the problem.

### [2] WARNING LIGHT CHECK

Check the airbag warning light. If the light remains on, a malfunction is stored in the center airbag sensor assembly, so proceed to step [3]. If the airbag warning light is not on, a malfunction has occurred in the airbag warning light circuit, so perform troubleshooting for code 22.

**HINT:** Code 22 is recorded when a malfunction occurs in the airbag warning light system. If an open malfunction occurs in the airbag warning light system, the airbag warning light does not light up, so that until the malfunction is repaired, the diagnostic codes (including code 22) cannot be confirmed.

### [3] DIAGNOSTIC CODE CHECK AND RECORDING

Check the diagnostic codes and make a note of any malfunction codes which are output. If a malfunction code is output, an abnormality in the power source circuit may have occurred, so perform troubleshooting for source voltage in step [8].

If code 22 is output, skip steps [4] and [5] and proceed to step [7].

### [4] CLEARING OF MALFUNCTION CODE (EXCEPT CODE 41)

Clear the malfunction code.

**HINT:** The malfunction code output in step [3] indicates that a malfunction has occurred in the circuit designated by the malfunction code, but does not indicate whether the malfunction is currently occurring or whether it was in the past.

Accordingly, it is necessary to find out the present condition of the malfunction occurrence by checking the malfunction code and performing the diagnostic code check again. If this operation is negative and troubleshooting is performed using only the malfunction code confirmed in step [3], the problem component becomes difficult and invites mistaken diagnosis.

### [5] DIAGNOSTIC CODE CHECK AND RECORDING [6] SYMPTOM SIMULATION

After repeating ignition switch ON – OFF operation (ON: wait 20 secs., OFF: wait 20 secs.) 5 times, check the diagnostic code. If any code other than code 41 is output, the malfunction is still occurring, so proceed to step [7].

If code 41 only is output, the following three cases are possible:

- Intermittent trouble occurred previously, but it is now normal.
- The problem has been corrected, but clearing of code 41 has been forgotten.
- There is a malfunction in the circuit for code 41.

Focusing on the circuit of the malfunction code stored in step [3], use the simulation method in step [6] in order to simulate the malfunction. If the malfunction occurs, proceed to step [7]; if not, proceed to step [12].

**NOTICE:** When connecting the battery after clearing the malfunction code, always do it with the ignition switch in LOCK position.

When the battery has been reconnected, turn the ignition switch to ACC or ON position after at least 2 seconds have elapsed.

When the battery is reconnected with the ignition switch in ACC or ON position, or the ignition switch is turned to ACC or ON within 2 seconds of connecting the battery, it is possible that the diagnosis system will not operate normally.

**NOTE:** Determine the malfunction in the airbag system in step [6] by whether or not a malfunction code other than code 41 is output.

### DIAGNOSTIC CODE CHART

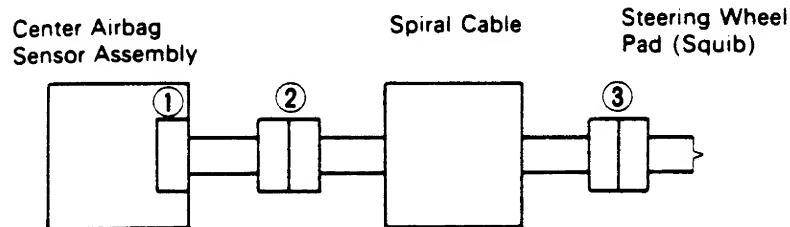
Proceed to the appropriate flow chart in step [8] in accordance with the malfunction code found in step [5] or [6].

### CIRCUIT INSPECTION [9] REPAIR

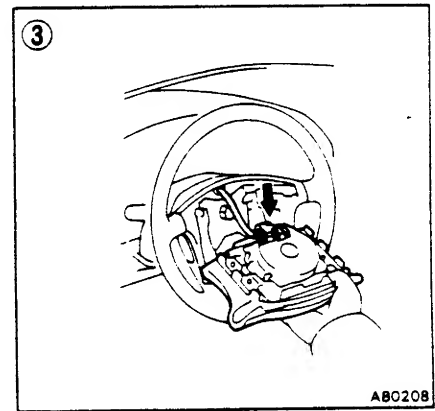
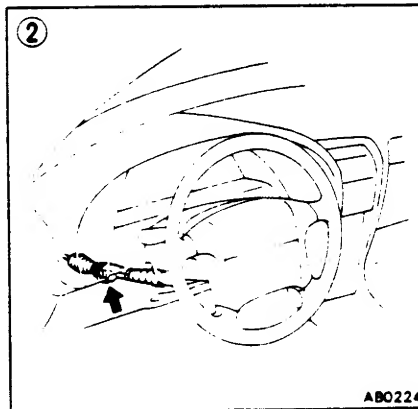
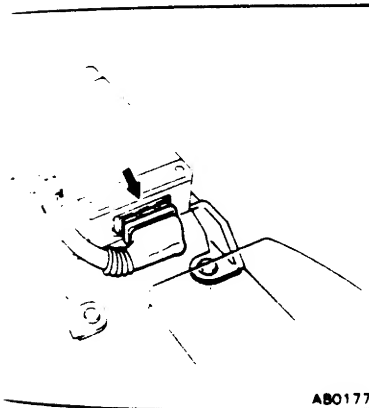
Find out if the problem lies in a sensor, actuator or wire harness and connector, and repair the problem. After the problem part is repaired, reinstall the disassembled parts. Do not start work until at least 20 seconds after the ignition switch is turned to the LOCK position and the negative (-) terminal cable is disconnected.

**CAUTION:** If incorrect procedure is used, a malfunction may occur in the system or there is the danger that the airbag may be accidentally activated during the repair operation. Carefully read the GENERAL DESCRIPTION (See page AB-2) and the cautions for each operation, and perform repairs in the correct order using the correct methods.

**NOTE:** The following illustration for the CIRCUIT INSPECTION shows each connector for the circuit from the center airbag sensor assembly to the steering wheel pad (squib).



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### CLEARING OF MALFUNCTION CODE (EXCEPT CODE 41)

When all the malfunction codes found in steps [5] and [6] have been repaired, clear the malfunction codes.

**11 DIAGNOSTIC CODE CHECK**

After repeating ignition switch ON – OFF operation (ON: wait 20 secs., OFF: wait 20 secs.), check the diagnostic codes. If only code 41 is displayed, proceed to step 12. If a code other than 41 is displayed, return to step 7 and troubleshoot the displayed malfunction code.

**NOTICE:** When connecting the battery after clearing the malfunction code, always do not turn the ignition switch in LOCK position.

When the battery has been reconnected, turn the ignition switch to ACC or ON position. At least 2 seconds have elapsed.

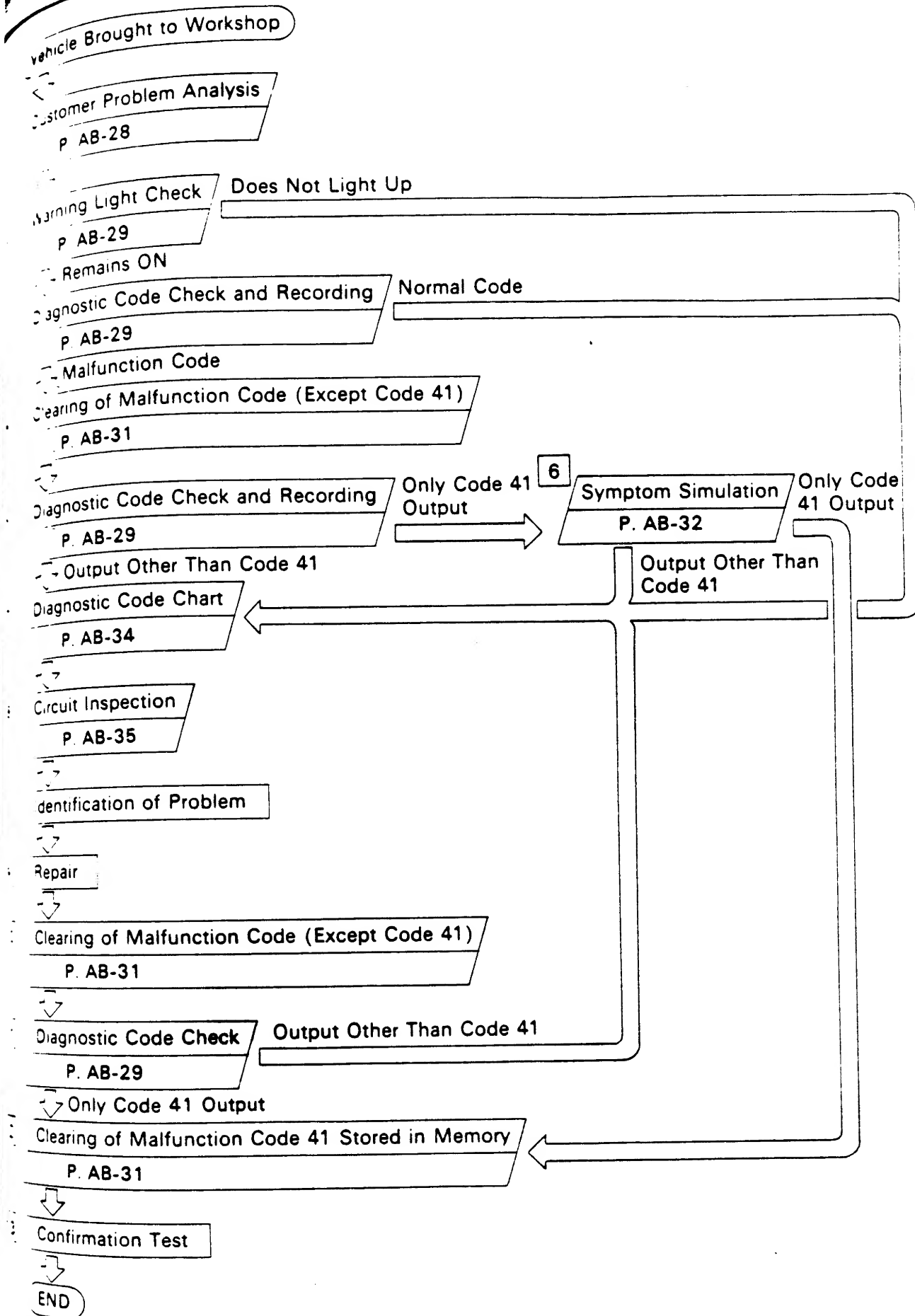
If the battery is reconnected with the ignition switch in ACC or ON position, or the ignition switch is turned to ACC or ON within 2 seconds of connecting the battery, it is possible that the system will not operate normally.

**12 CLEARING OF MALFUNCTION CODE 41 STORED IN MEMORY**

Clear the malfunction code 41 stored in memory. This operation is not necessary only in case of power source voltage returns to normal.

**13 CONFIRMATION TEST**

Check the warning light again and confirm that all the malfunctions have been repaired. If the light indicates an abnormality, repeat the operation again from step 2. If code 41 is output, skip steps 4 and 5 and proceed to step 7.





## Customer Problem Analysis Check Sheet

## SRS AIRBAG System Check Sheet

Inspector's  
Name

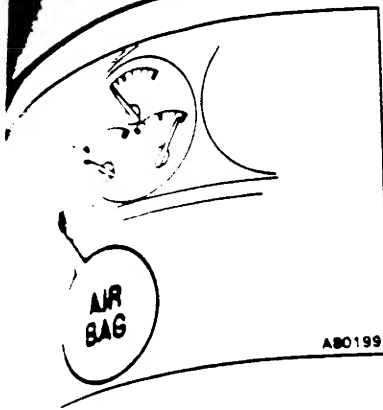
Customer's Name		Registration No.	
		Registration Year	/ /
		Frame No.	
Date Vehicle Brought In	/ /	Odometer Reading	

Date of Problem Occurrence		/ /
Conditions at Time of Problem Occurrence	Weather	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Rainy <input type="checkbox"/> Snowy <input type="checkbox"/> Various/Other
	Outdoor Temperature	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot <input type="checkbox"/> Warm <input type="checkbox"/> Cool <input type="checkbox"/> Cold (Approx. °C (°F))
	Vehicle Operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Starting <input type="checkbox"/> Idling <input type="checkbox"/> Driving [ <input type="checkbox"/> Constant speed <input type="checkbox"/> Acceleration <input type="checkbox"/> Deceleration <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( )
	Condition of road	[ ]

Details of Problem	
Vehicle Inspection, Repair History Prior to Occurrence of Malfunction (Including Airbag System)	

## (Diagnosis System Inspection)

Airbag Warning Light Inspection	1st Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Remain On <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes Lights Up <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Light Up
	2nd Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Remain On <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes Lights Up <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Light Up
Diagnostic Code Inspection	1st Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal Code <input type="checkbox"/> Malfunction Code [Code. ]
	2nd Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal Code <input type="checkbox"/> Malfunction Code [Code. ]



## Diagnosis Inspection

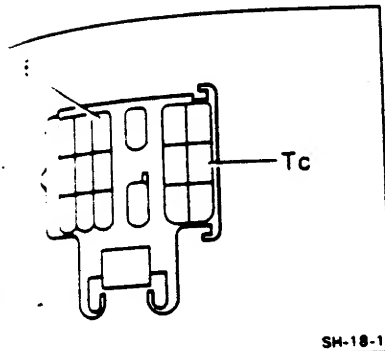
### AIRBAG WARNING LIGHT CHECK

- Turn the ignition switch to ACC or ON and check that the airbag warning light lights up.
- Check that the airbag warning light goes out after approx. 6 seconds.

#### HINT:

- When the ignition switch is at ACC or ON and the airbag warning light remains on, the center airbag sensor assembly has detected a malfunction code.
- If, after approx. 6 seconds have elapsed, the airbag warning light sometimes lights up or the airbag warning light lights up even when the ignition switch is OFF, a short in the airbag warning light circuit can be considered likely.

Proceed to "Airbag warning light system (always lit up)" on page AB-75.



### DIAGNOSTIC CODE CHECK

#### 1. OUTPUT DIAGNOSTIC CODE

- Turn the ignition switch to ACC or ON position and wait approx. 20 seconds.
- Using SST, connect terminals  $T_c$  and  $E_1$  of the check connector.

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**NOTICE:** Never make a mistake with the terminal connection position as this will cause a malfunction.

#### 2. READ DIAGNOSTIC CODE

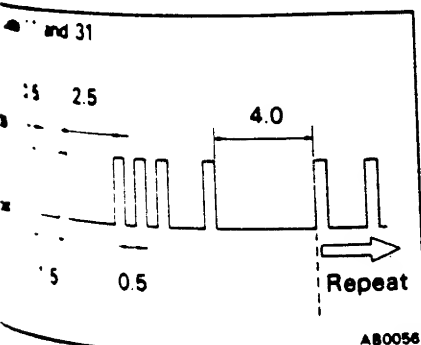
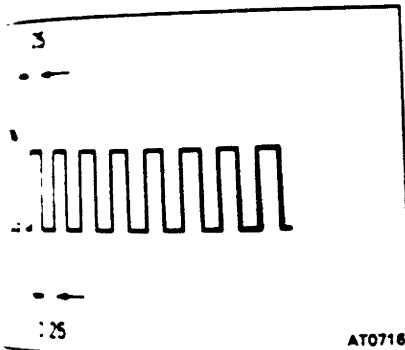
Read the diagnostic code as indicated by the number of times the airbag warning light blinks.

- Normal code indication**  
The light will blink 2 times per second.










- Malfunction code indication**  
In the even of a malfunction, the light will blink. The first number of the code No. will equal the first digit of a 2-digit diagnostic code, and after a 1.5 second pause, the 2nd number of the code No. will equal the 2nd digit. If there are two or more codes, there will be a 2.5 second pause between each. After all the codes have been output, there will be a 4.0 second pause and they will all be repeated.

#### HINT:

- In the event of a number of trouble codes, indication will begin from the smaller numbered code to the larger.
- If a diagnostic code is not output or is continuously output, proceed to the  $T_c$  terminal circuit inspection on page AB-77.



## DIAGNOSTIC CODES

Code No.	Blink Pattern	Diagnosis	Trouble Area
(Normal)	 FI1401	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System normal</li> <li>• Source voltage drop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Battery</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> </ul>
11	 AB0057	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short in squib circuit or front airbag sensor circuit (to ground)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering wheel pad (squib)</li> <li>• Front airbag sensor</li> <li>• Spiral cable</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> <li>• Wire harness</li> </ul>
12	 FI1389	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short in squib circuit or front airbag sensor circuit (to +B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering wheel pad (squib)</li> <li>• Front airbag sensor</li> <li>• Spiral cable</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> <li>• Wire harness</li> </ul>
13	 FI1390	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short in squib circuit (between D+ wire harness and D- wire harness)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering wheel pad (squib)</li> <li>• Spiral cable</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> <li>• Wire harness</li> </ul>
14	 FI1391	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open in squib circuit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering wheel pad (squib)</li> <li>• Spiral cable</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> <li>• Wire harness</li> </ul>
15	 AB0058	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open in front airbag sensor circuit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front airbag sensor</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> <li>• Wire harness</li> </ul>
22	 FI1392	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airbag warning light system malfunction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airbag warning light</li> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> <li>• Wire harness</li> </ul>
31	 FI1394	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly malfunction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Center airbag sensor assembly</li> </ul>
41	 FI1396	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malfunction stored in memory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Center airbag sensor assembly)</li> </ul>

## HINT:

- When the airbag warning light remains lit up and the diagnostic code is the normal code, this is a source voltage drop.  
This malfunction is not stored in memory by the center airbag sensor assembly and if the power voltage returns to normal, after approx. 10 seconds the airbag warning light will automatically turn off.
- Code 22 is recorded when a malfunction occurs in the airbag warning light system.  
If an open malfunction occurs in the airbag warning light system, the airbag warning light does not turn on, so that until the malfunction is repaired, the diagnostic codes (including code 22) are confirmed.
- When a malfunction occurs in the airbag system, malfunction codes 11 to 31 are output. After the malfunction indicated by malfunction codes 11 to 31, codes 11 to 31 are cleared from the memory but code 41 is output instead.  
Once the malfunction has been detected, the airbag warning light will remain lit up until it is cleared, even though the malfunction has been repaired.
- When two or more codes are indicated, the lowest numbered code will appear first.
- If a code not listed on the chart is displayed, then the center airbag sensor assembly is faulty.

## Diagnostic Code Chart

If a malfunction code is displayed during the diagnostic code check, check the circuit listed for that code in the table below (Proceed to the page given for that circuit).

Code No.	Diagnosis	Page
(Normal) * <sup>1</sup>	● Source voltage drop	AB-26
11	● Short in squib circuit or front airbag sensor circuit (to ground)	AB-27
12	● Short in squib circuit or front airbag sensor circuit (to +B)	AB-27
13	● Short in squib circuit (between D <sup>+</sup> wire harness and D <sup>-</sup> wire harness)	AB-43
14	● Open in squib circuit	AB-44
15	● Open in front airbag sensor circuit	AB-45
22 * <sup>2</sup>	● Airbag warning light system malfunction	AB-66
31	● Center airbag sensor assembly malfunction	AB-71
41 * <sup>3</sup>	● Malfunction stored in memory	AB-73

### HINT:

- \*<sup>1</sup> When the airbag warning light remains lit up and the diagnostic code is the normal code, this means a source voltage drop.
- \*<sup>2</sup> Code 22 is recorded when a malfunction occurs in the airbag warning light system. If an open malfunction occurs in the airbag warning light system, the airbag warning light does not light up, so that until the malfunction is repaired, the diagnostic codes (including code 22) cannot be confirmed.
- \*<sup>3</sup> When a malfunction occurs in the airbag system, malfunction codes 11 to 31 are output. After repair of the malfunction indicated by malfunction codes 11 to 31, codes 11 to 31 are cleared from the memory but code 41 is output instead. Once the malfunction has been detected, the airbag warning light will remain lit up until code 41 is cleared, even though the malfunction has been repaired.

## Problem Symptom Chart

Proceed with troubleshooting of each circuit in the table below.

Problem Symptom	Inspection Item	Page
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● With the ignition switch at ACC or ON, the airbag warning light sometimes light up after approx. 6 seconds have elapsed.</li> <li>● Airbag warning light lights up even when ignition switch is in the LOCK position.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Airbag warning light system (Always lit up)</li> </ul>	AB-75
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diagnostic code not displayed.</li> <li>● Diagnostic code continuously displayed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tc terminal circuit</li> </ul>	AB-77